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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 25, 2002, the application having been  
revived by petition of even date, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3  
of this document.

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Remarks begin on page 4 of this document.

Serial No. 09/223,229

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

B1  
This application is a continuation of application no. 09/114,307, filed July 13, 1998, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,251,093 on June 26, 2001, which is a divisional patent application of U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/570,286, filed December 11, 1995, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,795,325, which is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 08/486,216, filed June 7, 1995, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,766,151, which is a continuation-in-part of application of U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/282,192, filed July 28, 1994, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,584,803, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/162,742, filed December 3, 1993, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/123,411, filed September 17, 1993, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 07/991,188, filed December 15, 1992, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 07/730,559, filed July 16, 1991, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,370,685 on December 6, 1994. The complete disclosures of all the aforementioned related U.S. patent applications are hereby incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.